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GASTROINTESTINAL TISSUE FOLDS

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-captioned application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b. Copies of foreign documents and non-patent literature are submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention, related applications and patents commonly assigned to the assignee of the present invention:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/840,950 filed May 7, 2004

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/869,472 filed June 15, 2004

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/954,665 filed September 29, 2004

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/036,946 filed January 14, 2005

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/036,866 filed January 14, 2005

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/840,951 filed May 7, 2004

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/841,411 filed May 7, 2004

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/865,243 filed June 9, 2004

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/179,082 filed July 11, 2005

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/404,423 filed April 14, 2006

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/612,170 filed July 1, 2003

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/612,491 filed July 1, 2003

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